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Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2008, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.